

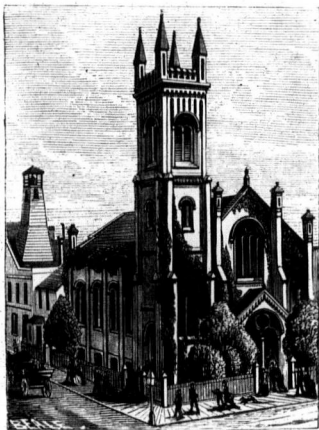
ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

TORONTO.

ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR 1874.

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HISTORICAL NOTES.

This church was organized on the 23rd November, 1834, and consisted of seventeen members, nearly all having previously been connected with the Congregational denomination in England. At the close of December the membership was twenty-six.

The present is the fifth pastoral settlement, and the office has been successively filled as follows :—namely, the Rev. Wm. Merrefield, who came from Brampton, in Cumberland, England, under whom the church was organized, resigned on September 19th, 1836. The Rev. John Roaf, of Wolverhampton, England, accepted the pastorate on March 29th, 1838, which he sustained for more than seventeen years, resigning June 25th, 1855. He was succeeded on the 29th May, 1856, by the Rev Thomas Scales Ellerby, formerly pastor of the British and American Congregational Church at St. Petersburg, Russia, who closed his pastorate of about ten years, on March 28th, 1866. On the 30th of May, 1866, the Rev. John G. Manly, of Dublin, Ireland, assumed the office which he filled for about four years and a half, resigning December 1st, 1870, and was succeeded on the 1st of June, 1871, by the Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D., of Montreal, the present pastor.

The deacons' office, during the history of the church to the present time, has been filled by twenty-nine officers, thirteen of whom are deceased, four sustain the same office in a sister church, and seven still retain their official relationship. The first deacons were Robert Wightman, Robert Rowell, and James Wickson, and were elected February the 12th, 1835.

The first public services of the church were held November 23rd, 1834, in the Masonic Hall, which then stood on Colborne Street. In July, 1837, the church removed to the then vacant Methodist chapel, in George Street. In this place they continued to meet for religious purposes until January, 1840, when they removed to their new church, on the corner of Adelaide and Bay Streets, which was destroyed by fire on the 26th February, 1855. For over a year and a half the Sunday services were held in St. Lawrence Hall, the use of which was granted

by the City Council, free of charge. On the 26th September, 1856, the present church building, occupying the site of that destroyed by fire, was opened for public worship.

The Sunday School was commenced just after the organization of the church, and has passed through the same changes with regard to location. The infant class was instituted under the care of Miss Vandersmissen in 1842, and was the first formed in Toronto. There have been in all twelve superintendents, most of them, like the present incumbent, being deacons of the church.

On the 3rd of April, 1849, twenty-five members of the church withdrew to organize the second (Bond Street) Congregational Church, now under the pastoral care of the Rev. F. H. Marling, and again on January 3rd, 1868, twenty-eight members were accorded letters of dismission to form the Northern Congregational Church, now under the pastorate of the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson.

The number of members added to the church from the date of its organization up to this time, December 31st, 1874, is 1,003, of which number 740 have been removed, many by death, leaving the present membership 263.

FORMER OFFICERS.

PASTORS.

Rev. William Merrefield.....	settled Nov. 23, 1834,	resigned Sept. 19, 1836.
Rev. John Roaf.....	Mar. 29, 1838,	June 25, 1855.
Rev. Thomas Scales Ellerby.....	May 29, 1856,	Mar. 28, 1866.
Rev. John G. Manly	May 30, 1866,	Dec. 1, 1870.

DEACONS.

APPOINTED.		APPOINTED.	
Robert Wightman,	1835, Feb. 12.	Alex. Christie,	1849, April, 3.
Robert Rowell,	" " "	Joseph Rowell,	" " "
James Wickson,	" " "	James Avon Smith,	1855, May 4.
John Christie,	Date not ascertained.	Patrick Freeland,	1857, May 12.
Robert Beekman, }		George Harcourt,	" " "
Joseph Tolfce,	1843, Mar. 16.	George Hague,	" " "
Wm. Henry Pim,	" " "	Joseph Robinson,	1860, Jan. 12.
Timothy J. Farr,	" " "	Henry J. Clark,	" " "
Wm. Duncan Taylor,	" " "	Wm. W. Copp,	1862, April, 2.
Peter Freeland,	1849, April, 3.	Charles Page,	1866, Oct. 3.
John Whitt,	" " "	George Goulding,	" " "

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

James Wickson,	Henry Van der Smissen
Robert Beekman,	Patrick Freeland,
T. J. Farr,	George Harcourt,
W. D. Taylor,	David Higgins,
Alexander Christie,	Joseph Robinson.
John Adams,	

SECRETARIES.

Rev. William Merrefield,	James Wickson,
Robert Wightman,	Alexander Christie,
James Wickson,	George A. Hine,
Robert Rowell,	Joshua Rordans,
Rev. John Roaf,	John Charles Copp.

TREASURERS.

Robert Rowell,	Joseph Rowell,
John Christie,	Patrick Freeland,
Robert Wightman,	W. W. Copp.

PRESENT OFFICE BEARERS.

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PASTOR.

REV. SAMUEL N. JACKSON, M.D., 72 Gould St.

DEACONS.

JOHN WIGHTMAN,	-	-	117 Dalhousie St.
JOHN SNARR,	-	-	475 Church St.
JOHN WICKSON,	-	-	402 Church St.
W. C. ASHDOWN,	-	-	29 Maitland St.
DAVID HIGGINS,	-	-	62 Wood St.
GEORGE A. HINE,	-	-	140 Victoria St.
JAMES SMITH,	-	-	31 Stanley Crescent.

SECRETARY.

TREASURER.

WM. FREELAND, 71 Bay St. JOHN WICKSON, 402 Church St.

CHURCH VISITOR.

MRS. ADAM LILLIE, 61 Alexander St.

ASSISTANT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SAMUEL DAVISON, THOMAS LOWNSBROUGH,
WILLIAM FREELAND.

AUDITORS.

SAMUEL GREY, J. D. NASMITH.

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Sunday School.

SUPERINTENDENT.

SECRETARY-TREASURER.

W. C. ASHDOWN, 29 Maitland St.

THOS. LOWNSBROUGH.

LIBRARIANS.

CHORISTER.

W. J. STIBBS, —HUNTER.

WM. FREELAND.

—o—
Young People's Association.

PRESIDENT.

REV. S. N. JACKSON.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

THOS. LOWNSBROUGH, R. D. RICHARDSON,
JOHN ADAMS.

SECRETARIES.

TREASURER.

CHAS. WHITE, C. A. KELLEY.

MISS HAMILTON.

—o—
Ladies' Aid Society.

PRESIDENT.

MRS. DR. RICHARDSON, 120 Bay St.

SECRETARY-TREASURER.

MRS. D. HIGGINS, 62 Wood St.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, - - - - -	11 A. M. 7 P. M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, - - - - -	3 P. M.
PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS, Sunday - - - - -	3 P. M.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

WEDNESDAY, - - - - -	7 30 P. M.
YOUNG MEN'S, Sunday, - - - - -	10 15 A. M.
YOUNG WOMEN'S, " - - - - -	2 30 P. M.
CHILDREN'S, Thursday, - - - - -	7 30 P. M.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION, Every alternate } Monday, - - - - - }	7 30 P. M.
CHOIR PRACTICE, Saturday, - - - - -	7 30 P. M.
CHURCH MEETING, Wednesday preceding the first } Sunday in each month, - - - - - }	8 00 P. M.
COMMUNION, First Sunday in each month, - - - - -	12 30 P. M.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH AND } CONGREGATION, Third Wednesday in January }	6 30 P. M.
BAPTISMS, as announced from time to time.	

CANDIDATES.

Persons desiring to unite with the church are requested to communicate with the Pastor, previous to the Church Meeting, each month.

CHOIR.

Those desirous of joining the choir will apply to the Organist, Mr. Theodore Snell.

At a Church Meeting held May 3, 1860, the following resolution was passed with regard to the choir:—"That the conduct of the church music be left in future with the Pastor and Deacons.

SITTINGS.

Officers of the church are in attendance on the first Monday in each month, from 3 to 4 P. M., to afford an opportunity to those who desire to select sittings.

At a Church Meeting held July 31, 1856, the following resolution was passed with regard to church sittings:—"That the present system of finance be continued, that there be no pew rents, but the regular attendants be expected to contribute to the general fund of the church according to their ability, and have allotted to them (for convenience only) such number of sittings as they may ordinarily require."--For further particulars, see page 27.

SEXTON.

Mr. Robert Crawford, 196 Adelaide Street West, has the care of the church building.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation was held on Wednesday evening, January the 20th, 1875. The early part of the evening was devoted to partaking of refreshments and to social intercourse, after which, James H. Richardson, M.D., was called to preside. After religious opening exercises the chairman gave an address in which he congratulated the Church on the prosperity of the past year, and expressed his conviction that it was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time.

Reports of the year just ended were then presented by the Pastor; by Mr. David Higgins, on behalf of the Deacons; Mr. William Freeland, for the Treasurer; Mr. W. C. Ashdown, on behalf of the Sunday School; Mr. Chas. White, on behalf of the Young People's Association, and Mr. John Adams, for the Ladies' Aid Society. These reports will be found in full in the following pages. The exercises were interspersed with a number of hymns, heartily sung by those present.

During the evening, one of the senior Deacons of the Church, Mr. John Wightman, was made the recipient of a handsome Ithica clock, which not only indicates the hour, but also the week, month and day of the month. Upon it was a silver plate with the following inscription, "Presented by the members of Zion Church, Toronto, at their Annual Meeting, 20th January, 1875, to John Wightman, Esq., as an expression of esteem and a recognition of his long and faithful services as Deacon."

The proceedings of the evening were brought to a close by singing the hymn, "Jesus Lover of my soul," and prayer by one of the deacons, Mr. G. A. Hine.

WILLIAM FREELAND,
Church Secretary.

PASTOR'S REPORT.

It is with feelings of devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who has so mercifully led us through another year, that I present my annual report to the members of the church and congregation, for to us 1874 was a year of unbroken peace, of active church life, and of marked spiritual progress. In its completion we pass the boundary of the fortieth year of church existence, and though so many of the fathers have passed away, and many changes have occurred, we rejoice that our spiritual force is not abated, or our sphere for service contracted. During these years, one thousand and three members have been added to the church, of which number seven hundred and forty have been removed—many by death.

Throughout the past year the hallowed presence of the Spirit has been felt to the comfort and enlargement of christians, and in the salvation of many souls. In my ministry of nearly nine years, I have at no period witnessed such a measure of blessing, or personally received so large a share in my own soul. Soon after we began the second quarter of the year, there were such indications of awakened spiritual interest it was deemed desirable on the part of the church to hold a series of special religious services. These were continued each evening for two weeks, and were fruitful of great good to the members attending, and were the means of bringing a number to decision for Christ. Principally as a result of this blessing, twenty-one were added to the church in the month of July, and others have since made a profession of their faith. Again, near the close of the year, a deep religious feeling was aroused throughout the city by the visit and earnest labours of Mr. Henry Varley, who ceased not to warn every one night and day. The blessings resulting from these services, both to the saved and unsaved, are facts familiar to you all, and our church, in common with the other churches of the city, was not left with-

out living witnesses of this work. At our last church meeting for the year, thirteen persons were received into membership on profession of their faith, many of whom directly or indirectly were brought to a knowledge of the truth through Mr. Varley's instrumentality. Of those who have united with the church during the past year, we have had the pleasure of welcoming several who have for many years belonged to the congregation but, had not previously come to a decision on this all-important question. We have also had the joy of seeing many young persons—children of members, and scholars of the Sunday School, dedicating their youth to the Saviour. There are a number, especially among the scholars of the Sunday School, who have given satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, who have not as yet sought membership with the church. This is very much to be regretted, and, as members of the church, we desire to encourage those to come forward, concerning whom Christ said, "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me."

The following, regarding the additions during the past year, indicates the number removed, and the mode of admission :—

Month.	Male.	Female.	By Letter.	By Profes.	Total.
January	0	2	0	2	2
February	0	1	0	1	1
April	4	5	3	6	9
June	0	2	0	2	2
July	6	16	1	21	22
September	2	3	5	0	5
October	3	5	0	8	8
November	3	5	6	2	8
December	7	6	0	13	13
TOTAL	25	45	15	55	70

Of this number thirty were connected with the Sunday School, thirteen in the Pastor's Bible class, and seventeen in the other classes. It should be stated that eight of those who are classed as being received on profession of their faith, had previously been members of churches, but did not possess letters of dismissal. With the exception of the year 1843, when the church passed through a revival and had added to its numbers one hundred and

four, the additions during the year just ended have been larger than in any previous year. Such an increase to the membership gives us occasion for great thankfulness.

The following statement shows the number and causes of removal during the last year :—

Causes of Removal.		Male.	Female.	Total.
By Letter		1	1	2
By Death		2	4	6
Lapsed by Absence		1	1	2
Suspended		1	1	2
TOTAL		5	7	12

Of those removed by death one had been a member from the first year of the organization of the church, and two had been received during the past year. The following are the names of those who have died, with the date of their reception and death :—

Name.	Received.	Died.
Mrs. Joseph Chilver	Dec. 4th, 1834	March 9th.
Mrs. John Turner	April 1st, 1868 ...	March 26th.
Mr. Robert Mishaw	Jan. 3rd, 1872 ...	January 2nd.
Mr. Henry Northway	July 31st, 1872 ...	
Miss Sarah Jane D'Evelyn	Jan. 28th, 1874 ...	August 26th.
Miss Lucy A. Dawkins	July 2nd, 1874 ...	July 3rd.

One of those who were suspended has since been restored to church fellowship, consequently the loss during the year has been but eleven, so that our church roll as it now stands, indicates :—

Additions during the year	70
Dismissions during the year	11
Net increase during the year	59
Present membership	263

Of those who constitute the present membership, there are a few who, through inattention upon the services, and neglect of the ordinances of the church, should have their names removed from the Roll, as it is worse than unwise to suffer such to hold a nominal membership without actual fellowship. For several years past such names have been brought before the church, that action might be taken concerning them, which course will still be

followed, as there is no place in Christ's church for Honorary Members, or sleeping partners. Of course this reference, which I am happy to say embraces only a very few, does not in the least refer to aged or other members who by infirmity or otherwise are providentially prevented from regular attendance.

I have received during the past year very great assistance in my pastoral work, from Mrs. Lillie, the Church Visitor, whose labours have been constant and most useful. I do not know how we could do without this department of church work, and I rejoice that it so heartily commends itself to the sympathy and support of the members of the church and congregation, and also that we were so fortunate as to secure the services of one who in so many ways is suited to the service.

I also desire to acknowledge with feelings of very great thankfulness, the sympathy interest and love which the members of the church and congregation have continued to manifest to me and to my family in so many ways during the past year. This, together with the active co-operation which I have received from you, and the rich blessing we have all received from our Father in Heaven, has made the year one of especial happiness to me. The kind consideration which prompted another increase of my salary, and which has been shown otherwise so frequently, is truly appreciated.

We have begun the new year by adopting the motto "1875 for Christ;" let us therefore strive throughout all its months and weeks and days to have such a spirit of consecration to our Master, that it may be to us as individuals and as a church and congregation, the happiest and most useful we have ever known. If we will, we may be conscious of the presence of Christ throughout the entire year.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON,

Pastor.

DEACONS' REPORT.

The Deacons have much pleasure in submitting their Report for 1874 to the Church. The year that has just passed away has been one in which few events of importance have occurred in matters pertaining to the Diaconate. The repairing of the windows has been the principal work done to the building, and besides this there have been sundry minor repairs on various parts of the premises. On the whole, the Church property is in a good condition, although it would be all the better if some painting and other improvements were bestowed upon it. Perhaps it will be necessary to have a little work of this description done during the year 1875.

The Deacons have had under consideration the advisability of making some extensive alterations and improvements in the body and basement of the Church House, in order to add to the convenience of the building and increase its capacity for pew accommodation, but they have refrained from any action in the matter, as they find several of the Church are in favour of selling the present premises and moving northwards to some site that would be nearer to the dwellings of the great majority of the members, although many would prefer that no change should be made, but that the present location be retained. Much can be said upon both sides of the subject, which is a large and important one, and should it ever come before the Church for formal deliberation, it will doubtless be considered in its various aspects, and will receive a satisfactory settlement. However, knowing that many of the members believe that a removal would be advantageous, the Deacons did not consider it prudent to have money expended in repairs and alterations, which, though desirable in themselves, would not probably increase the value of the property should the church desire to have it sold. Of course the money obtained from such

sale would be employed to assist in the erection of a new Church Building.

The establishment of a Congregational Church in the west end of Toronto, has frequently engaged the attention of the Pastor and Deacons. After some deliberation they decided to bring the matter before a Church Meeting, at which it was resolved that they should confer with the Pastors and Deacons of the two other Toronto churches, and ascertain their views concerning the project, and if they approved of it, what was the best way to carry it into effect. Two united meetings have been held, and the result of the conferences will soon be laid before the members of the three churches.

The Deacons have much pleasure in stating that they have had a most satisfactory financial year. The weekly collections are larger now than they have been for years. The Deacons continue to highly approve of the Envelope system of raising church finances, it is so suitable to the circumstances of every individual, and so well calculated to keep the claims of Christ in pecuniary matters continually before the minds of His people, and to afford them an opportunity of showing their faith and love by their works. Owing to the liberality of the Church and congregation, the Deacons have been enabled to nearly meet the whole expenses of the year, and pay off some small arrears from last year. As will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, there was only about \$500 due by the Church on the 31st December, 1874. Of this amount, \$300 is for an old debt secured by promissory note. They hope that the Bazaar that the ladies intend to hold about the end of March next will realize sufficient to materially reduce, if not extinguish, this small liability. They wish the amount was paid off, and they appeal to the members to assist them to discharge it.

At the beginning of the year in consequence of the increasing revenue of the Church, and the generous proposal of a kind friend, the Deacons brought the subject of the Pastor's salary before a Church meeting, when it was most heartily agreed to raise it to

\$1,600 per annum. The Deacons felt much pleased at this action of the Church.

In addition to the weekly collections and subscriptions for Church expenses, the members have freely aided the various Church institutions, as the Sunday School, the Visitors' Fund, the Fellowship Fund; also the Denominational Organizations, as the Missionary Society, the College Fund, the Indian Mission, the Pastors' Retiring Fund, and other matters of a more private character. Perhaps at no time in the history of the church have the members been more liberal in their donations, or more active in their labours.

In March last, Mr. Lawson resigned his position as organist. For some time afterwards the organ was played by different performers. It is now under the charge of Mr. Snell, who is most anxious to conduct the service of song in the Lord's House in a becoming manner. The Deacons trust he will be well sustained by the Church in his efforts. There are in the pews many persons of musical ability who would be gladly received by the choir, where they would be most useful in leading the united vocal worship of the congregation.

During the year there has been a considerable increase in the numbers of the Church and congregation. In consequence of the regulation of the Church as to the allotment of seats, not pews, the Deacons have been able to accommodate the new comers, by giving them seats in partially occupied pews. There is sometimes a difficulty in knowing how many seats are vacant in some pews, on account of the irregular attendance of individuals, and they may perhaps overfill a pew. Should they at any time do so, the matter will be immediately remedied on the error being mentioned to them. It is to be distinctly understood that all existing seats are to be respected, and should it be found that a pew is overfilled, the new comer is to give way to the older occupant. The Deacons have no doubt the present holders of seats will readily assist them to provide as much accommodation as possible for all who may desire to attend the services of Zion Church.

The increase of the congregation has been most gratifying. The Deacons rejoice to see the evidences of Divine power as manifested in the conversion of those young persons who have joined the Church during the year, and who received a large amount of their religious training either at the ordinary Church services or else in the Sunday School—a number of these are children of Church members. They also have been much pleased at the admission to the Church of persons of maturer age—some of whom for many years were only members of the congregation. They were also glad to receive several who came from other Congregational Churches in Canada, and in the British Islands. They took especial interest in the last-mentioned individuals, and endeavoured to make them feel that they had found in Zion Church a spiritual home and a loving kindred ready to receive them at once into their fellowship as members of the great and world-wide family of the Lord Jesus Christ. The largely increased attendance of members at the ordinance of the Lord's Supper has frequently been a matter of comment and congratulation among the Deacons. They trust the attendance will be still more numerous during the coming year.

The official relationship between the Pastor and Deacons has all through the year continued to be of the most intimate and cordial character. The Pastor is always devoted to the duties of his office, and the Deacons are glad to know that he is so well understood and appreciated by the members of the Church and congregation. They are also thankful for the unbroken good feeling and mutual confidence that exists among the members of the Diaconate. They wish also to acknowledge their obligation to the committee appointed by the church to assist them in their financial operations.

The great fact that another year with all its opportunities of working for the Master has passed away, is a matter for serious thought, and should be an incentive to renewed exertion. Much has been done in the past, but oh, how much remains to be done, and how many new things will present themselves day by day.

The Deacons earnestly desire that they and their fellow members may be stirred up to large thoughts and active labours for Christ during the coming year. May the spirit of liberality continue to abound in the Church. Let us all be up and doing—availing ourselves of the privilege of honouring the Lord with our substance and the first fruits of all our increase.

DAVID HIGGINS,

Secretary to the Diaconate.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Called by the flight of another portion of time to render an account of their stewardship, your Sabbath-School Teachers and Officers beg to present to the church and congregation their annual Report for the year 1874—a year that from its commencement to its close has been one of deep spiritual interest and rich blessing to your Sabbath School.

The attendance has been constant and sustained, and the attention of the scholars to their lessons encouraging; but it was in the gracious quickening of both teachers and scholars, and in the ingathering of not a few to the fold of the Saviour, that God's presence was most clearly seen and felt among us.

Your School, as at present organized, consists of twenty-four classes, twenty-two intermediate classes taught in the large room, the Infant class, and Pastor's Bible class.

Of the intermediate classes, eleven are girls', showing a membership of seventy scholars, and an average attendance of fifty-three; and eleven boys' classes, with a membership of eighty-one and an average attendance of sixty-four; which, with the Pastor's Bible class of thirty members and an attendance of twenty-four, and the Infant class of eighty scholars and an attendance of fifty-five, show a total membership of two hundred and sixty-one scholars, and an *attendance* of one hundred and ninety-six.

Two teachers have left the School during the year—Mr. Crouch on account of distance, and Mrs. Alexander. Five new teachers have been added to our number—Miss Fanny Elliot, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Whitcombe, Mr. Thorley, and Mr. Nichols.

One scholar has been removed by death Lucy A. Dawkins. She had given evidence of a simple faith in the Redeemer. Her name is recorded on our church roll, but her membership is in heaven. She died on the third of June, having been received into the church on the second.

The Officers and teachers for the present year are : President, the Pastor ; Superintendent, W. C. Ashdown ; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Thomas Lownsbrough ; Librarian, Mr. Stibbs ; Assistant-Librarian, Mr. Hunter ; Chorister, Mr. Freeland.

The teachers of the girls' intermediate classes are : Mrs. Bolton, Miss Ashdown, Mrs. A. Lillie, Miss Alderdice, Mrs. Elliot, Miss Hamilton, Miss Dawkins, Miss Rodden, Mrs. Clarke, Miss A. L. Wallis and Miss Fanny Elliot. The teachers of the eleven boys' classes are : Mr. Nichols, Mr. Adams, Mr. Geo. Pim, Mr. Chas. Thorley, Mr. Fred. Whitcombe, Mr. Geo. Strathern, Mr. J. Miller, Mr. Robt. D. Richardson, Mr. Chas. Green, Mr. Chas. White and Miss Bolton. Our esteemed friend, Mrs. Clapp, still continues her efficient services in the Infant class. We have also received repeated assistance from the Pastor's Bible class and the elder girls' class. Mrs. Anker, Mr. Greey, Mrs. Potts and other friends have aided us in the absence of the regular teachers.

The state of our school funds, as shown by Treasurer's account is assured and satisfactory. With an income of \$335.85, our expenditure for the year has been \$266.87, leaving a balance in our favour of \$68.98. In this connection your teachers desire to express their appreciation of the generous manner in which the church and congregation have always responded to their appeals, and the affectionate interest they have ever manifested in the School.

In addition to the regular meetings of the School on Sabbath

afternoon, there have been held the scholars' prayer meeting on Thursday evening; also a meeting by lady teachers and their scholars before the opening of the School on Sabbath afternoon; conference with the Pastor and other friends on Tuesday evenings; and at the special services of the church the attendance of the children was most encouraging.

At the meetings held by Mr. Varley many of your scholars attended, especially the two children's meeting held on Saturday afternoons. It was remarkable how quickly your children caught the spirit and comprehended the import of these meetings. Many came forward at the time confessing their love to the Saviour; others followed, until the entire School was pervaded by a spirit of earnest enquiry. Two, three, and in some cases four scholars from a single class have thus put on Christ, making a public profession of their faith by uniting with the church.

The number thus added to your communion during the past year were: from the children's classes seventeen; from the Pastor's Bible class thirteen, making in all thirty members added to your fellowship from the Sabbath School.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the teachers.

W. C. ASHDOWN,
Superintendent.

YOUNG PEOPLES' ASSOCIATION.

In the two preceding Reports of the Association—presented at the Annual Meetings of the Church and Congregation, in January, 1873-1874—information was given respecting the organization of this Society, its general features, and character of the meetings. The Association continued to hold meetings every Monday evening, until April 27th, 1874, when a series of Special Services held in connection with the Church, prevented their further continuance. The Session was afterwards brought to a close by an entertainment, held on June 1st, 1874.

On March 9th, 1874, a Public Lecture, on "Animal Organization," was delivered by Dr. J. H. Richardson; the proceeds, amounting to \$41.75, were devoted to the Church Visitors' Fund. The Treasurer's Report shows an income of \$99.04, and an expenditure of \$95.93, leaving a balance of \$3.11. On re-opening the present term, officers were elected, after which alterations were made in the Constitution, and the Bible Study was dispensed with as part of the exercises, by reason of the Pastor holding a Bible Class on Sunday afternoon; the night of meeting was also altered to fortnightly instead of weekly as before. The Association continues to progress steadily, a more than usual number of the young people having joined us this session; and we have cause to believe that this Society will continue in future years to hold an important position in connection with the Church, and prove valuable in bringing the younger members of our Church and Congregation into closer union; also in providing a means for an interchange of thought and feeling through the medium of the varied exercises engaged in, highly beneficial to their best interests.

CHARLES WHITE,
Secretary.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

In October last, a number of ladies met in the vestry to make arrangements for working for a Bazaar, to assist the funds of the Church. Mrs. Dr. Richardson was chosen President, Mrs. Higgins, Secretary-Treasurer, with some ladies to co-operate as Committee. A collection was taken up the same evening at the prayer-meeting, amounting to \$7.09, to commence work with. It was agreed to hold sewing-meetings from house to house every week during the winter, commencing in November. These meetings, so far, have been well attended, and an active spirit manifested, all working cordially together. A number of articles have been made up, and

the work is still going on. Subscriptions of material and money have been given in from time to time—these, with another Wednesday evening collection, have enabled the ladies to continue their operations. The Committee will be very happy at any time to receive donations of work or money from any of the ladies who cannot attend the meetings. They will also be glad to receive the assistance of the gentlemen who desire to help, many of whom can furnish articles that will be saleable at the Bazaar, to be held about the end of March next. Trusting that the blessing of God will follow the labours of all who work in His cause, and that the funds of the Church may be considerably augmented, this Report is respectfully submitted.

MARY HIGGINS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To balance due Treasurer on 1st January, 1874.....	\$ 92 65
“ paid Pastor during the year	1,600 00
“ for Pulpit supplies during the year	40 00
“ Sexton	156 00
“ Music.....	108 00
“ Fire Insurance	65 00
“ Gas	142 75
“ Fuel	93 95
“ Repairs	70 00
“ Printing	53 31
“ Basement organ	10 05
“ Sundries	28 93
“ Church Visitor	115 31
“ Sunday School.—Collection for 1873	48 60
“ Do Do 1874.....	65 88
“ Canadian Congregational Year Book	10 00
“ Congregational Union Expenses	30 00
“ Donation Congregational Missionary Society	223 57
“ Do Congregational College	149 25
“ Do Indian Missions	46 00
“ Collected for Stouffville Church Building	138 50
“ Collection after Rev. M. Gallagher's Sermon or. behalf of Reformed Episcopal Church	24 00
“ Collection in aid of Evangelistic Fund.....	54 00
“ Collected for an aged Minister	40 00

\$3405 75

Cr.

By Collections, March Quarter	\$665 47
“ “ June quarter	587 76
“ “ September quarter	554 89
“ “ December quarter	712 07
“ Subscriptions Canada Missionary Society	223 57
“ “ Congregational College	149 25
“ “ Indian Missions.....	46 00
“ “ Church Visitor's Fund	94 10
“ “ Monthly Missionary Meetings	21 21
“ Sale of Year Books	5 45
“ Proceeds of “Socials”	44 57
“ Collected in aid of Stouffville Church Building	138 50
“ “ “ Evangelistic Fund	54 00
“ “ for an aged Minister.....	40 00
“ Balance of Bazaar for Basement Repairs	39 05

3375 89

To balance due Treasurer on the 31st December, 1874 \$29 86

JOHN WICKSON,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

SAMUEL GREEY,
JOHN D. NASMITH, } Auditors.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS ON THE
31st DECEMBER, 1874.

To balance due Treasurer this day	\$ 29 86
“ Amount due for printing	12 60
“ “ Repairing Windows	108 67
“ “ Wood, &c.	22 00
“ “ Gas Fittings	14 00
“ “ Repairs, Carpenter's	8 94
“ “ “ Sundries	48 76
“ “ Sundries, say	50 00
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CR.	294 83
By Arrears, say	100 00
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DR.	194 83
To Promissory Note due in April, 1875	300 00
Total amount due by Zion Church 31st December, 1874	\$494 83

FELLOWSHIP FUND.

1874.		
Jan. 1.	To balance as per last Report	\$ 22 47
	“ Collections at Communion Services during the year	121 72
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	CR.	144 19
	By paid expenses of Communion Table	\$ 11 50
	“ Donations to Sundry persons	101 00
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		112 50
	Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st December, 1874	\$31 69
	JOHN WIGHTMAN, Treasurer.	

CHURCH VISITOR'S FUND.

To balance in hand January 1, 1874.....		\$37 20
April 14.—Proceeds Y. P. A. Lecture.....		41 75
“ 15—Collected at Missionary Meetings		22 32
Oct. 3—Subscriptions per S. N. J.....		10 00
“ 13 Do. do. J. W.....		65 75
“ 18 Do. do. J. D. N.....		7 00
“ 19 Do. do. do.....		1 95
Dec. 14 Do. do. Dr. R.....		5 00
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		\$190 97
	Cr.	
By salary paid	\$156 00	
“ printing circulars and envelopes	3 25	
	<hr/>	\$159 25
Balance in hand		\$31 72
	J. D. NASMITH, Treasurer.	

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

To balance from last year.....	\$ 47 17
" Anniversary collection January 25th, 1874.	48 60
" Subscriptions for pic-nic.....	54 50
" Sale of tickets, &c.	29 55
" Anniversary collection December 20th, 1874.....	65 88
" Sunday collections.....	90 15
	<hr/> \$335 85

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By paid for testimonial to Organist.....	\$ 10 00	
" " Platform for festival.....	5 51	
" " Anniversary hymns.....	10 00	
" " Hymn books.....	11 24	
" " Donation to Indian Mission.....	10 00	
" " Annual pic-nic.....	102 72	
" " Books for prizes.....	13 75	
" " " Library.....	52 47	
" " Children's Papers.....	24 75	
" " Motto Cards.....	3 25	
" " Expenses of delegate to S. S. Convention	3 00	
" " Donation to S. S. Association.....	5 00	
" " " Institute	2 68	
" " Minute and roll books.....	1 75	
" " Printing.....	6 25	
" " Advertisements.....	4 50	
	<hr/> \$266 87	

Balance in Treasurer's hands, December 31, 1874..... \$ 68 98

THOMAS LOWNSBROUGH,
Treasurer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

Balance from last year	\$ 9 79
Members' Fees	14 30
Net proceeds of Entertainment, February 2nd	15 65
" " Dr. Richardson's Lecture	41 75
" " Entertainment, June 1st	15 35
Received towards defraying expenses of Social, Oct. 27th	2 00
	<hr/> \$99 04

	Cr.	
Stationery and Postage	\$ 3 15	
To printing Constitution and By-Laws	5 00	
" " One hundred Bible lesson cards	3 00	
Advertising Annual Meeting	2 00	
To Treasurer Church Organ Fund, Net proceeds Entertainment, February 2nd	15 65	
To Treasurer Church Visitor's Fund, Net proceeds Dr. Richard- son's Lecture March 9th	41 75	
To hire of Piano	6 00	
To Sexton for seven months at 50cts. a month	3 50	
Expenses of Social held Oct. 27th	15 88	
	<hr/> \$95 93	

Leaving a balance of \$3 11

LIZZIE E. HAMILTON,
Treasurer.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR

LOCAL CHURCH OBJECTS :—

Weekly Contributions	\$2,520 19
Church Visitors' Fund	115 31
Proceeds of Socials	44 57
Lecture Room Organ balance.....	54 00
Fellowship Fund	121 72
Sunday School	\$288 68
Less Anniversary Collections, included in Weekly Contributions above.....	114 48

Young People's Association	174 20
Evangelistic Services	99 04
	54 00

\$3,183 03

DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS :

Canada Missionary Society	223 57
Congregational College	149 25
Indian Mission	46 00
Stouffville Church Building	138 50
Collection for an aged Minister	40 00
Retiring Pastors' Fund*	420 00
College Endowment	80 00

1,097 32

\$4,280 35

* Part of this amount is subscribed to be paid in annual instalments.

CHURCH SITTINGS AND FINANCES.

I.

The seats are free, not sold or rented, but are allotted for family convenience and to preserve order. Sitzings can be obtained by applying to the deacons.

II.

All the revenues of the church are derived from the weekly voluntary offerings of the members of the church and congregation.

III.

The scriptural principle that every one should give as the Lord has prospered him, we seek to inculcate and practise, believing it to be the best in every way, and we are confident that if this duty and privilege were generally adopted there would be no deficiency in the treasury of the Lord.

IV.

It being necessary that the officers of the church should know the approximate amount of the annual income, and have some guarantee therefor in order that they may intelligently and safely prosecute their work, they request those occupying seats to state definitely the amount they desire to give per week throughout the year.

V.

To facilitate this system blank forms are sent to all to be filled up, printed envelopes are furnished for the weekly contribution, a correct account of the receipts is kept, and when, through absence or otherwise, the amount pledged falls in arrears, a quarterly statement is furnished to the subscriber by the Treasurer.

VI.

It may be stated for the information of new subscribers that the amounts promised by nearly all those who are now on the list vary from three dollars to twenty-five cents per week.

VII.

Some of the officers will give attendance at the church on the first Monday of each month, from three to four p.m., in order to afford an opportunity to any one who may desire to select sittings.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."—I Cor. xvi. 2.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver"—II Cor. ix. 6, 7.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts, xx. 35.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	Received.	Removed.	Total No. Received.	Total No. Removed.	Remaining on Roll.	Remaining 31st Dec., 1874.
1834	26	0	26	0	26	1
1835	33	4	59	4	55	1
1836	12	4	71	8	63	0
1837	9	3	80	11	69	0
1838	33	0	113	11	102	4
1839	9	0	122	11	111	1
1840	36	3	158	14	144	1
1841	21	4	179	18	161	1
1842	46	1	225	19	206	3
1843	104	7	329	26	303	3
1844	28	1	357	27	330	1
1845	25	2	382	29	353	0
1846	15	8	397	37	360	1
1847	21	0	418	37	381	3
1848	22	4	440	41	399	0
1849	23	33	463	74	389	1
1850	24	6	487	80	407	0
1851	16	11	503	91	412	1
1852	10	5	513	96	417	0
1853	13	11	526	107	419	0
1854	15	2	541	109	432	0
1855	12	6	553	115	438	3
1856	38	72	591	187	404	3
1857	24	4	615	191	424	7
1858	12	0	627	191	436	2
1859	12	33	639	224	415	6
1860	15	4	654	228	426	2
1861	13	1	667	229	438	0
1862	26	12	693	241	452	2
1863	23	25	721	266	455	5
1864	22	20	743	286	457	3
1865	6	21	749	307	442	1
1866	6	19	755	326	429	2
1867	13	7	768	333	435	9
1868	29	36	797	369	428	15
1869	19	2	816	371	445	13
1870	12	6	828	377	451	9
1871	20	2	848	379	469	16
1872	40	341*	888	720	168	31
1873	45	9	933	729	204	44
1874	70	11	1003	740	263	68

* 332 of these were removed on revising the Roll.

HISTORICAL DATES.

- 1834, Nov. 23.. Church organized by Rev. Wm. Merrefield.
 " " .. Sunday School organized.
 1836, Sept. 19. . Rev. Wm. Merrefield resigned the pastorate.
 1837, Jan. 23. . Rev. Wm. Merrefield died in England.
 " July 23. . Removed from the Masonic Hall to George Street.
 " Oct. Rev. John Roaf came to Canada.
 1838, March 29. Rev. John Roaf accepted the pastorate.
 1839, Aug. 8. . Corner stone of the first Congregational Church laid.
 1840, Jan. 1. . Church removed from George St. to its present site.
 1842, .. Infant class organized in the Sunday School.
 1843, .. Year of Revival ; 104 members added to the church.
 1844, Jan. 1. . Ceased to receive aid from the Col. Mis. Soc.
 1846, .. Adopted system of weekly voluntary contributions.
 1849, April 3. . Twenty-five members withdrew to organize the second
 (Bond Street) Congregational Church.
 " " .. Mr. John Snarr elected deacon.
 1855, Jan. 1. . The first organ purchased and put up.
 " June 25. . Rev. John Roaf resigned the pastorate.
 " Feb. 26. . The first church building destroyed by fire.
 " Aug. 1. . The Corner Stone of the present building laid.
 " Dec. Rev. T. S. Ellerby came to Canada.
 1856, May 29. . Rev. T. S. Ellerby accepted the pastorate.
 " Sept. 26. . The present church building dedicated.
 1857, May 12. . Mr. W. C. Ashdown elected deacon.
 1862, Sept. 2. . Rev. John Roaf died.
 1863, Dec. 2. . Mr. John Wightman elected deacon.
 1865, April 12. . The spire of Zion Church blown down.
 1866, March 28. Rev. T. S. Ellerby resigned the pastorate.
 " May 30. . Rev. J. G. Manly succeeded to the pastorate.
 " Oct. 3. . Mr. John Wickson elected deacon.
 " " 31. . Mr. William Freeland appointed secretary.
 1867, .. The church debt of \$2,000 liquidated.
 1868, Jan. 3. . Twenty-eight members dismissed to form the North-
 ern Congregational church.
 " July 22. . Mr. W. C. Ashdown appointed S. S. superintendent.
 " Dec. 21. . Zion Literary Society organized.
 1869, Dec. 29. . Messrs. Higgins, Smith and Hine elected deacons.
 1870, Dec. 1. . Rev. J. G. Manly resigned the pastorate.
 1871, June 1. . Rev. S. N. Jackson assumed the pastorate.
 " Dec. Church repainted and refurnished.
 1872, May 1. . Revision of church Roll completed.
 " Oct. 29. . Zion Literary Soc. reorganized as the Z. C. Y. P. A.
 " Dec. 31. . Membership at date 168.
 1873, Oct. 1. . Mrs. Lillie appointed church visitor.
 " Dec. 31. . Membership at date 204.
 " " Total amount contributed during the year, \$4,507.
 1874, Dec. 31. . Present membership 263.